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SUBJECT: SWEDISH COMMERCE MINISTER SIGNS FISHERIES AGREEMENT
WITH EC

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY FROM STOCKHOLM PRESS ON MARCH 22
2. SWEDEN'S COMMERCE MINISTER, STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER,
FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON MARCH 21 WITH MEMBERS OF THE EC
COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS, SIGNED A BASIC AGREEMENT GIVING
SWEDEN THE CONTINUED RIGHT TO FISH IN EC WATERS IN THE NORTH
SEA. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE SAME DAY, LINDER STRESSED
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THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY THE NEW SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO THE
NEED FOR MAINTAINING CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE ECONOMIC
SUMMIT MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN LONDON ON MAY 7.
LINDER ALSO CRITICIZED THE PREVIOUS SWEDISH SOCIALIST
GOVERNMENT FOR ITS LACK OF INTEREST IN MAINTAINING
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE EC.

3. THE FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL NOW PERMIT SWEDISH FISHERMEN TO CONTINUE FISHING IN THE NORTH SEA AS BEFORE. THE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SET ANY FISHING QUOTAS. SUCH QUOTAS WILL REPORTEDLY BE SET FOLLOWING A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. SWEDEN IS HOPEFUL THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEAD TO POSITIVE RESULTS FOR SWEDEN'S FISHERIES INDUSTRY. LINDER DREW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SWEDEN IS IN A POSITION TO OFFER THE COMMUNITY SOMETHING IN RETURN. HE SAID THAT BOTH WEST GERMANY AND DENMARK ARE ENGAGED IN LARGE-SCALE FISHING IN THOSE PARTS OF THE BALTIC SEA WHICH WILL SOON BECOME SWEDISH WATERS WHEN SWEDEN EXTENDS ITS FISHING LIMITS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. THE SWEDISH MINISTER STATED THAT HIS INITIAL VISIT TO BRUSSELS AS SWEDEN'S COMMERCE MINISTER IS SHORTLY TO BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS FOR AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWEDEN AND THE EC FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE DREW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT EC COUNTRIES CAUSE ABOUT ONE-HALF THE SULPHUR POLLUTION IN SWEDEN, A QUESTION OF INCREASING CONCERN.
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